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EXAMINER

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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

- This communication is responsive to an amendment filed 7-10-00.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
- The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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- Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
- because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
- including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached ~~hereto~~ to Paper No. 5.
- including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
- including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

- Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Attachment(s)

- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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1. Claims 1-17 are pending. Claim 1 is independent.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance for claims 1-17:

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph.

Claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach a handheld scanning dictionary apparatus comprising the following:

a relatively small housing adapted in size to be held in one hand by a user during use;

a scanning input carried by the housing at a tapered distal end of the housing which allows text to be scanned as input during a wanding movement of a scanning input mode of operation with the scanning input in contact with the text and with the elongated housing held in one hand by such user and oriented generally transverse to a surface which carries such text, with the elongated housing out of contact with a surface which carries such text;

a display carried by the housing in general alignment with a longitudinal axis of the housing;

a controller disposed within the housing and operatively coupled to the scanning input and the display; and

a program composed of instructions which are executable by the controller for receiving as an input text scanned by the scanning input and for providing as an output on the display text which is logically related to the input text in a predetermined manner wherein the output text is displayed on the generally elongated display in an orientation which is in general alignment with the longitudinal axis of the elongated housing with the left-most portion of the output text located

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in a position generally proximate the scanning input thereby allowing the handheld scanning dictionary to be read by the user while held in one hand by the user during use.

Claims 2-17 depend upon claim 1, directly or indirectly.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheukfan Lee at telephone number (703) 305-4867.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist at telephone number (703) 305-3900.

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First Named Applicant	ZWOLINSKI,		35 USC 154(b) term ext. =	0 Days.

TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A HANDHELD SCANNER-DICTIONARY APPARATUS

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